

Account No. 822 of part 201, Underground Storage Exploration and Development Expenses.

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§ 157.216 Abandonment.

(a) *Automatic authorization.* The certificate holder is authorized pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to abandon gas supply facilities, if:

(1) The supplier has been authorized to abandon its sale; or

(2) No abandonment of the supplier's sale is required under the Natural Gas Act by operation of section 601(a)(1) of the NGPA.

(b) *Prior Notice.* Subject to the notice requirements of § 157.205, the certificate holder is authorized pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to abandon any sales tap or lateral line and related facilities and service if all of the existing customers of the pipeline served through the sales tap or lateral line consent in writing to the abandonment. When filing a request for authorization of the proposed abandonment under the notice procedures of § 157.205, the certificate holder shall notify, in writing, the State public service commission having regulatory authority over retail sales to the indirect customers served through the sales tap or lateral line.

(c) *Contents of request.* In addition to the requirements of § 157.205(b), requests filed for activities described under paragraph (b) shall describe:

(1) The location of the subject facilities;

(2) The docket authorizing the construction and operation of the facilities to be abandoned;

(3) An oath statement that all of the customers served by the subject facilities have consented to the abandonment, or an explanation of why the customers' consent is not available; and

(4) A proposed accounting treatment of any facilities to be abandoned.

(d) *Reporting requirements.* The annual report filed by the certificate holder

shall contain, for each abandonment authorized under paragraph (a) of this section:

(1) The name of the supplier;

(2) The docket numbers of the certificates authorizing the sale of gas and the construction and operation of the facilities to be abandoned;

(3) The accounting treatment of the facilities abandoned; and

(4) The date the facilities were actually abandoned.

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§ 157.217 Changes in rate schedules.

(a) *Automatic authorization.* The certificate holder is authorized to permit an existing customer, at the customer's request, to change from one rate schedule to another, if:

(1) The combined volumetric limitations on deliveries to the customer under both rate schedules are not increased, for either annual or peak day limitations; and

(2) The changes are consistent with the terms of effective tariffs on file with the Commission.

(b) *Reporting requirements.* In the annual report for any year in which the certificate holder has permitted an existing customer to change from one rate schedule to another pursuant to this section, the certificate holder shall state:

(1) The name of the customer;

(2) The rate schedules involved; and

(3) The effective date of the change.

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§ 157.218 Changes in customer name.

(a) *Automatic authorization.* The effective certificates of the certificate holder may be amended to the extent necessary to reflect the change in the name of an existing customer, if:

(1) The change in customer name is the result of a corporate reorganization or acquisition;

(2) The certificate holder has filed any necessary conforming changes in its tariffs; and

(3) The customer's use of gas will not be affected.